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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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A. Elections and appointments

60/401. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 13 September 2005, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its sixtieth session consisting of the following Member States: CAMEROON, CHINA, PANAMA, PORTUGAL, SAINT LUCIA, SAMOA, SIERRA LEONE, RUSSIAN FEDERATION and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

60/402. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 26th plenary meeting, on 4 October 2005, the General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General[1] that was endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1629 (2005) of 30 September 2005, namely that Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert be assigned as of 3 October 2005 as a permanent judge to the *Mrksic et al.* case before the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

60/403. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 10 October 2005, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected the CONGO, GHANA, PERU, QATAR and SLOVAKIA as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ALGERIA, BENIN, BRAZIL, the PHILIPPINES and ROMANIA.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: ARGENTINA,* CHINA, CONGO,** DENMARK,* FRANCE, GHANA,** GREECE,* JAPAN,* PERU,** QATAR,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SLOVAKIA,** UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

60/404. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 17 October 2005, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ANGOLA, AUSTRIA, BENIN, CUBA, the CZECH REPUBLIC, FRANCE, GERMANY, GUINEA-BISSAU, GUYANA, HAITI, JAPAN, MADAGASCAR, MAURITANIA, PARAGUAY, SAUDI ARABIA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA and TURKEY as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of AZERBAIJAN, BENIN, the CONGO, CUBA, ECUADOR, FRANCE, GERMANY, IRELAND, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KENYA, MALAYSIA, MOZAMBIQUE, NICARAGUA, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SPAIN and TURKEY.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ALBANIA,** ANGOLA,*** ARMENIA,* AUSTRALIA,** AUSTRIA,*** BANGLADESH,* BELGIUM,* BELIZE,* BENIN,*** BRAZIL,** CANADA,* CHAD,** CHINA,**

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[1] See A/60/362-S/2005/593 and A/60/402.

COLOMBIA,* COSTA RICA,** CUBA,*** CZECH REPUBLIC,*** DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,** DENMARK,** FRANCE,*** GERMANY,*** GUINEA,** GUINEA-BISSAU,*** GUYANA,*** HAITI,*** ICELAND,** INDIA,** INDONESIA,* ITALY,* JAPAN,*** LITHUANIA,** MADAGASCAR,*** MAURITANIA,*** MAURITIUS,* MEXICO,** NAMIBIA,* NIGERIA,* PAKISTAN,** PANAMA,* PARAGUAY,*** POLAND,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SAUDI ARABIA,*** SOUTH AFRICA,** SPAIN,*** SRI LANKA,*** THAILAND,** TUNISIA,* TURKEY,*** UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA* and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

60/405. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 3 November 2005, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[2] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, BELARUS, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, the CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CUBA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), ITALY, PAKISTAN, PORTUGAL, SENEGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, SWITZERLAND and URUGUAY as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, BENIN, BRAZIL, CANADA, the CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CUBA, GABON, GERMANY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), MONACO, NICARAGUA, PAKISTAN, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, SOUTH AFRICA, SWITZERLAND, UKRAINE and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-two Member States: ALGERIA,** ARGENTINA,*** ARMENIA,*** BAHAMAS,* BELARUS,*** BENIN,*** BRAZIL,*** BULGARIA,*** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,*** CHINA,** COMOROS,* CUBA,*** FRANCE,* GHANA,** INDIA,*** INDONESIA,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** ITALY,*** JAMAICA,** JAPAN,** KENYA,** MEXICO,* PAKISTAN,*** PORTUGAL,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SENEGAL,*** SOUTH AFRICA,*** SWITZERLAND,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,* URUGUAY*** and ZIMBABWE.*

At the same meeting, the General Assembly was informed that an election would be held at a later date, on the basis of the nomination by the Economic and Social Council, to fill the remaining two seats on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

60/406. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 3 November 2005, the General Assembly, pursuant to its decision 43/406 of 24 October 1988, elected ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA,

[2] See A/60/216. By its decision 2005/201 E of 21 July 2005, the Economic and Social Council postponed the nomination of two members from the Group of Western European and Other States.

ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CANADA, CHILE, CHINA, the CZECH REPUBLIC, the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, FRANCE, GERMANY, HAITI, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KENYA, PAKISTAN, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ROMANIA, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SOUTH AFRICA, THAILAND, UGANDA, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY as members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, CANADA, CHAD, CHINA, the CONGO, CUBA, the CZECH REPUBLIC, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KENYA, MYANMAR, NAMIBIA, NICARAGUA, NIGERIA, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ROMANIA, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, the SUDAN, SWITZERLAND, the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, ZAMBIA and ZIMBABWE.

As a result, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme is composed of the following fifty-eight Member States: ALGERIA,** ANGOLA,** ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA,** ARGENTINA,** AUSTRALIA,** AUSTRIA,** BAHAMAS,* BANGLADESH,* BELGIUM,** BOTSWANA,** BRAZIL,* BULGARIA,* BURKINA FASO,* BURUNDI,** CAMEROON,* CANADA,** CAPE VERDE,* CHILE,** CHINA,** COLOMBIA,* COSTA RICA,* CZECH REPUBLIC,** DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,** FRANCE,** GERMANY,** GHANA,* HAITI,** HUNGARY,* INDIA,* INDONESIA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* ISRAEL,* JAPAN,** KAZAKHSTAN,* KENYA,** KYRGYZSTAN,* MEXICO,* MONACO,* MOROCCO,* NETHERLANDS,* PAKISTAN,** POLAND,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** ROMANIA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SAUDI ARABIA,* SENEGAL,* SOMALIA,* SOUTH AFRICA,** SWEDEN,* THAILAND,** TURKEY,* TUVALU,* UGANDA,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** and URUGUAY.**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

60/407. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 3 November 2005, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, of BURUNDI, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, LESOTHO, MALAYSIA, the PHILIPPINES and the RUSSIAN FEDERATION as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BOLIVIA, the CONGO, FRANCE, INDIA, JAPAN, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION and ZAMBIA.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: ARGENTINA,* AUSTRIA,** BURUNDI,*** CHINA,** EGYPT,** EL SALVADOR,*** FRANCE,*** GERMANY,* JAMAICA,** KENYA,** LESOTHO,*** MALAYSIA,*** MEXICO,* NEPAL,** NIGERIA,* PHILIPPINES,*** ROMANIA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SENEGAL,* SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC* and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

60/408. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly, at its 44th plenary meeting, on 7 November 2005, and the Security Council, at its 5299th meeting, on the same date, proceeded independently of one another to elect, in accordance with Articles 2 to 4, 7 to 12 and 14 and 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, rules 150 and 151 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and rules 40 and 61 of the

provisional rules of procedure of the Council, five members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2006 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States of America), Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt), Mr. Pieter H. Kooijmans (Netherlands), Mr. Francisco Rezek (Brazil) and Mr. Vladlen S. Vereshchetin (Russian Federation).

As a result, the International Court of Justice is composed as follows: Mr. SHI Jiuyong (*China*),** President, Mr. Raymond RANJEVA (*Madagascar*),* Vice-President, Mr. Ronny ABRAHAM (*France*),* Mr. Awn Shawkat AL-KHASAWNEH (*Jordan*),* Mr. Mohamed BENNOUNA (*Morocco*),*** Mr. Thomas BUERGENTHAL (*United States of America*),*** Ms. Rosalyn HIGGINS (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),* Mr. Kenneth KEITH (*New Zealand*),*** Mr. Abdul G. KOROMA (*Sierra Leone*),** Mr. Hisashi OWADA (*Japan*),** Mr. Gonzalo PARRA-ARANGUREN (*Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*),* Mr. Bernardo SEPÚLVEDA AMOR (*Mexico*),*** Mr. Bruno SIMMA (*Germany*),** Mr. Leonid SKOTNIKOV (*Russian Federation*)*** and Mr. Peter TOMKA (*Slovakia*).**

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* Term of office expires on 5 February 2009.

** Term of office expires on 5 February 2012.

*** Term of office expires on 5 February 2015.

60/409. Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 23 November 2005, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[3] decided to extend the term of office of Mr. Klaus TÖPFER as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for a period of two months, until the end of March 2006.

60/410. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 23 November 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[4] appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006: Mr. Guillermo Kendall, Mr. Igor V. Khalevinsky, Ms. Susan M. McLurg, Mr. Tommo Monthe and Ms. Christina Vasak.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej T. ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*),* Mr. Manlan Narcisse AHOUNOU (*Côte d'Ivoire*),* Mr. Ronald ELKHUIZEN (*Netherlands*),** Mr. Jorge FLORES CALLEJAS (*Honduras*),** Mr. Collen V. KELAPILE (*Botswana*),* Mr. Guillermo KENDALL (*Argentina*),*** Mr. Igor V. KHALEVINSKY (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Jerry KRAMER (*Canada*),** Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),* Ms. Susan M. MCLURG (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Tommo MONTHE (*Cameroon*),*** Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),** Mr. Murari Raj SHARMA (*Nepal*),* Ms. SUN Minqin (*China*),** Ms. Christina VASAK (*France*)*** and Mr. Jun YAMAZAKI (*Japan*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

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[3] A/60/553, para. 4.

[4] A/60/542, para. 4.

60/411. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 23 November 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[5] appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006: Ms. Sujata Ghorai, Mr. Vyacheslav A. Logutov, Mr. Richard Moon, Mr. Hae-yun Park, Mr. Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto and Mr. Wu Gang.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (*Japan*),* Mr. Meshal AL-MANSOUR (*Kuwait*),* Mr. Petru DUMITRIU (*Romania*),* Mr. David DUTTON (*Australia*),** Mr. Paul EKORONG A DONG (*Cameroon*),** Mr. Haile Selassie GETACHEW (*Ethiopia*),* Ms. Sujata GHORAI (*Germany*),*** Mr. Bernardo GREIVER (*Uruguay*),** Mr. Hassan Mohammed HASSAN (*Nigeria*),** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),* Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (*Argentina*),** Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),* Mr. Vyacheslav A. LOGUTOV (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Richard MOON (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),*** Mr. Hae-yun PARK (*Republic of Korea*),*** Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes RAMOS (*Portugal*),** Mr. Henrique da Silveira SARDINHA PINTO (*Brazil*)*** and Mr. Wu Gang (*China*).***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

60/412. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 23 November 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[6] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006: Mr. Masakazu Arikawa, Mr. Madhav Dhar and Mr. Nemir A. Kirdar.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Masakazu ARIKAWA (*Japan*),*** Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),* Mr. Madhav DHAR (*India*),*** Mr. Nemir A. KIRDAR (*Iraq*),*** Mr. William J. MCDONOUGH (*United States of America*),** Mr. Khaya NGQULA (*South Africa*),* Ms. Hélène PLOIX (*France*),** Mr. J. Y. PILLAY (*Singapore*)* and Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*).**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

60/413. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 23 November 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] appointed the Auditor-General of SOUTH AFRICA as a member of the Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2006.

[5] A/60/543, para. 7.

[6] A/60/544, para. 4.

[7] A/60/545, para. 4.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: First President of the Court of Accounts of FRANCE,** Auditor-General of SOUTH AFRICA*** and Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the PHILIPPINES.*

* Term of office expires on 30 June 2008.

** Term of office expires on 30 June 2010.

*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2012.

60/414. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 23 November 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006: Mr. Minoru Endo, Ms. Lucretia Myers, Mr. Gilberto Paranhos Velloso, Mr. Wolfgang Stockl and Mr. Gian Luigi Valenza.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),* Chairman, Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*),* Vice-Chairman, Mr. Daasebre Oti BOATENG (*Ghana*),* Mr. Fatih BOUAYAD-AGHA (*Algeria*),** Mr. Shamsher M. CHOWDHURY (*Bangladesh*),** Mr. Minoru ENDO (*Japan*),*** Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Gilberto PARANHOS VELLOSO (*Brazil*),*** Mr. José R. SANCHÍS MUÑOZ (*Argentina*),* Mr. Wolfgang STOCKL (*Germany*),*** Ms. Anita SZLAZAK (*Canada*),* Mr. Vladimir TITOV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Gian Luigi VALENZA (*Italy*),*** Mr. Xiaochu WANG (*China*)** and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2009.

60/415. Appointment of members of the Committee on Information

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[9] appointed AUSTRIA as a member of the Committee on Information.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following one hundred and eight Member States:[10] ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, AUSTRIA, AZERBAIJAN, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CAPE VERDE, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, LIBERIA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, LUXEMBOURG, MADAGASCAR, MALTA, MEXICO, MONACO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND,

[8] A/60/546, para. 4.

[9] A/60/479, para. 12.

[10] See also decision 60/524.

PORTUGAL, QATAR, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SURINAME, SWITZERLAND, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF), VIET NAM, YEMEN and ZIMBABWE.

B. Other decisions

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

60/501. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the sixtieth session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 13 September 2005, the General Assembly decided to authorize those subsidiary organs of the Assembly listed in the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences,[11] namely the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Disarmament Commission, the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories and the Committee on Conferences, to meet during the main part of the sixtieth session of the Assembly.

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 14 October 2005, the General Assembly decided to authorize the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, a subsidiary organ of the Assembly, to meet in New York during the main part of the sixtieth session of the Assembly, on the clear understanding that the continuation of the session of the Board would have to fit in with the available facilities and services, and would not affect adversely the activities of the Assembly.[12]

60/502. Organization of the sixtieth session

At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[13] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the sixtieth session.

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 8 November 2005, the General Assembly decided to extend the work of the Sixth Committee until Tuesday, 29 November 2005.

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to postpone the date of recess of the sixtieth session, originally fixed for Tuesday, 13 December 2005, to Thursday, 22 December 2005.

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to further postpone the date of recess of the sixtieth session to Friday, 23 December 2005.

60/503. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[14] adopted the agenda[15] and the allocation of agenda items[16] for the sixtieth session.

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[17] decided to include in

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[11] See A/60/344.

[12] See A/60/344/Add.1.

[13] A/60/250 and Corr. 1, paras. 4–45.

[14] Ibid., paras. 61–71.

[15] A/60/251.

[16] A/60/252.

[17] A/60/250/Add.1.

the agenda of its sixtieth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the General Assembly", under heading 1 (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 31 October 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[18] decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Ibero-American Conference in the General Assembly", under heading 1 (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[19] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session.

At its 63rd plenary meeting, on 15 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[20] decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session an additional item entitled "Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme", under heading 1 (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

60/504. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 24th plenary meeting, on 29 September 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[21]

60/505. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 30th plenary meeting, on 10 October 2005, the General Assembly took note of the tenth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[22]

60/506. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 30th plenary meeting, on 10 October 2005, the General Assembly took note of the twelfth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[23]

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[18] A/60/250/Add.2, para. 1.

[19] Ibid., para. 2.

[20] A/60/250/Add.3, para. 2.

[21] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/60/1).

[22] See A/60/229-S/2005/534.

[23] A/60/267-S/2005/532 and Corr.1.

60/507. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 27 October 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[24]

60/508. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 31 October 2005, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Nicaragua,[25] and noting the progress achieved in the region, decided that the item entitled "The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development" should remain on the agenda of the Assembly, beginning with the sixty-first session, for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

60/509. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 31 October 2005, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Argentina,[26] decided:

(*a*) To defer consideration of the item entitled "Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic" as well as the report of the Secretary-General[27] and to include the item in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session;

(*b*) To maintain biennial consideration of the item thereafter.

60/510. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 3 November 2005, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session.

60/511. Report of the Security Council

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 11 November 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[28]

60/512. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 11 November 2005, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[29]

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[24] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 4* (A/60/4).

[25] A/60/L.14, as orally corrected.

[26] A/60/L.11.

[27] A/60/253 and Add.1.

[28] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 2* and corrigendum (A/60/2 and Corr.1).

[29] A/60/352.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

60/514. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[30]

60/515. Missiles

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 120 to 2, with 53 abstentions,[31] and on the recommendation of the First Committee,[32] recalling its resolutions 54/54 F of 1 December 1999, 55/33 A of 20 November 2000, 56/24 B of 29 November 2001, 57/71 of 22 November 2002, 58/37 of 8 December 2003 and 59/67 of 3 December 2004, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Missiles".

60/516. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[32] recalling its resolutions 52/38 S of 9 December 1997, 53/77 A of 4 December 1998, 55/33 W of 20 November 2000 and 57/69 of 22 November 2002, and also its decisions 54/417 of 1 December 1999, 56/412 of 29 November 2001, 58/518 of 8 December 2003 and 59/513 of 3 December 2004, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia".

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[30] A/60/458.

[31] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahariya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu.

[32] A/60/463, para. 95.

60/517. United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 128 to 5, with 40 abstentions,[33] and on the recommendation of the First Committee,[32] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament".

60/518. Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[32] recalling its decision 58/521 of 8 December 2003 and its resolution 59/71 of 3 December 2004, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament".

60/519. International instrument to enable States to identify and trace, in a timely and reliable manner, illicit small arms and light weapons

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 151 to none, with 25 abstentions,[34] and on the recommendation of the First Committee,[32]

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[33] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: France, Israel, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Palau, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

[34] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

decided to adopt the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, contained in the annex to the report of the Open-ended Working Group to Negotiate an International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons.[35]

60/520. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[36] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

60/521. Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2006

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[37] approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2006.[38]

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

60/522. Increase in the membership of the Advisory Commission on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[39] recalling its resolution 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, decided:

(*a*) That those States that were currently members of the Advisory Commission on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East should continue as such;

(*b*) To invite Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, whose contributions to all activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East had exceeded an annual average of 5 million United States dollars over the past three years, including the current year, to become members of the Advisory Commission;

(*c*) To invite Palestine to attend and fully participate in the meetings of the Advisory Commission as an observer;

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[35] A/60/88 and Corr.2.

[36] A/60/471, para. 7.

[37] A/60/524, para. 5.

[38] Ibid., annex.

[39] A/60/476, para. 23.

(*d*) To invite the European Community to attend the meetings of the Advisory Commission;

(*e*) To invite the League of Arab States to attend the meetings of the Advisory Commission as an observer.

60/523. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[40]

60/524. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[41] decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Information from one hundred and seven to one hundred and eight.[42]

60/525. Question of Gibraltar

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[43] recalling its decision 59/519 of 10 December 2004 and the statements agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Brussels on 27 November 1984,[44] and in Madrid on 27 October 2004, and noting the establishment, pursuant to the latter, of the tripartite forum for dialogue on Gibraltar, under the statement made jointly by the Governments of Spain, the United Kingdom and Gibraltar on 16 December 2004:

(*a*) Urged both Governments, while listening to the interests and aspirations of Gibraltar, to reach, in the spirit of the statement of 27 November 1984, a definitive solution to the question of Gibraltar, in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and applicable principles, and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations;

(*b*) Welcomed the establishment of a new tripartite forum for dialogue on Gibraltar, under the statement of 16 December 2004, separate from the Brussels process.

60/526. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[45]

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[40] A/60/478.

[41] A/60/479, para. 12.

[42] See also decision 60/415.

[43] A/60/472, para. 33.

[44] A/39/732, annex.

[45] A/60/525.

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

60/540. Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295"

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[46] took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295".[47]

60/541. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[48]

60/542. Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken in organizing the activities of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005–2015

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[49] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on actions taken in organizing the activities of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005–2015.[50]

60/543. Globalization and interdependence

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[51]

60/544. Groups of countries in special situations

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[52]

60/545. Eradication of poverty and other development issues

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[53]

60/546. Operational activities for development

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[54]

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[46] A/60/485, para. 7.

[47] A/60/323.

[48] A/60/486.

[49] A/60/488/Add.1, para. 15.

[50] A/60/158.

[51] A/60/490.

[52] A/60/491 and Corr.1.

[53] A/60/492.

[54] A/60/493.

60/547. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 172 to 1, with no abstentions,[55] and on the recommendation of the Second Committee:[56]

(*a*) Recalled its resolution 59/250 of 22 December 2004, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 2005/7 of 20 July 2005 and other relevant resolutions;

(*b*) Took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2003[57] and on funding options and modalities for financing operational activities for development of the United Nations system,[58] and decided to request the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2006 to further consider the above-mentioned reports in conjunction with paragraph 102 of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the evaluation of the full implementation of that resolution;

(*c*) Also took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on some measures to improve overall performance of the United Nations system at the country level,[59] the related note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on that report[60] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[61]

60/548. Training and research

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[62]

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[55] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: None.

[56] A/60/493/Add.1, para. 7.

[57] A/60/74-E/2005/57.

[58] A/60/83-E/2005/72.

[59] See A/60/125-E/2005/85 and Add.1.

[60] A/60/125/Add.2-E/2005/85/Add.2.

[61] A/60/274.

[62] A/60/494.

60/549. Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[63] approved the programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-first session of the Assembly as set out below:

Item 1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Item 2. Information and communication technologies for development

Item 3. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(*a*) International trade and development

(*b*) International financial system and development

(*c*) External debt crisis and development

(*d*) Commodities

Item 4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

Item 5. Sustainable development:

(*a*) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(*b*) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(*c*) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(*d*) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(*e*) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(*f*) Convention on Biological Diversity

(*g*) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Item 7. Globalization and interdependence:

(*a*) Globalization and interdependence

(*b*) International migration and development

(*c*) Culture and development

[63] A/60/497, para. 5.

(*d*) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(*e*) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Item 8. Groups of countries in special situations:

(*a*) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(*b*) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Item 9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(*a*) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006)

(*b*) Industrial development cooperation

Item 10. Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Item 11. Training and research: United Nations University

Item 12. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:[64]

(*b*) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(*c*) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development.

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

60/527. Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[65] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors.[66]

60/528. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the agenda item entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family"

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[67] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the World Youth Report 2005;[68]

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[64] Sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) will not be considered by the Second Committee.

[65] A/60/499, para. 18.

[66] A/60/300.

[67] A/60/501, para. 28.

[68] A/60/61-E/2005/7.

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the World Social Situation, 2005;[69]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on a global analysis and evaluation of national action plans on youth employment;[70]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Making commitments matter: young people's input to the 10-year review of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond".[71]

60/529. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[72] took note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.[73]

60/530. Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[74] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people.[75]

60/531. Report of the Secretary-General submitted under the agenda item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination"

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[76] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.[77]

60/532. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the right of peoples to self-determination

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[78] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination;[79]

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[69] A/60/117; see also United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.IV.5.

[70] A/60/133 and Corr.1.

[71] A/60/156.

[72] A/60/503, para. 49.

[73] A/60/281.

[74] A/60/506 and Corr. 1, para. 13.

[75] A/60/358.

[76] A/60/507 and Corr.1, para. 22.

[77] A/60/307 and Corr.1 and 2.

[78] A/60/508 and Corr. 1, para. 18.

[79] A/60/263.

(*b*) Note by the Secretariat on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination.[80]

60/533. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the agenda item entitled "Human rights questions"

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[81] took note of the following documents submitted under the agenda item entitled "Human rights questions":

Under sub-item (*a*):

(*a*) Report of the Human Rights Committee on its eighty-second to eighty-fourth sessions;[82]

(*b*) Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on its second session;[83]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;[84]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;[85]

(*e*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[86]

(*f*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;[87]

(*g*) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses;[88]

(*h*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on their seventeenth meeting;[89]

(*i*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies: analysis of the membership of the human rights treaty bodies since 1970.[90]

Under sub-item (*b*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity;[91]

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[80] A/60/319.

[81] A/60/509, para. 5.

[82] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/60/40).

[83] Ibid., *Supplement No. 48* (A/60/48).

[84] A/60/215.

[85] A/60/220.

[86] A/60/273.

[87] A/60/284.

[88] A/60/325.

[89] A/60/278.

[90] A/60/351 and Corr.1.

[91] A/60/134.

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development;[92]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures;[93]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism;[94]

(*e*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders;[95]

(*f*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;[96]

(*g*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights;[97]

(*h*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on freedom of religion or belief.[98]

Under sub-item (*c*):

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar;[99]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;[100]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights;[101]

(*d*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Burundi;[102]

(*e*) Note by the Secretary-General regarding the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Sudan;[103]

(*f*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation and the activities of her Office, including technical cooperation, in Nepal;[104]

(*g*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism;[105]

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[92] A/60/286.
[93] A/60/305.
[94] A/60/326.
[95] A/60/339 and Corr.1.
[96] A/60/348.
[97] A/60/384.
[98] A/60/399.
[99] A/60/221.
[100] A/60/271.
[101] A/60/349.
[102] A/60/354.
[103] A/60/356.
[104] A/60/359.
[105] A/60/370.

(*b*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the issue of Palestinian pregnant women giving birth at Israeli checkpoints.[106]

Under sub-item (*e*):

(*a*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;[107]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and on the achievements of the technical assistance in the field of human rights.[108]

60/534. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[109]

60/535. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[110]

60/536. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[111] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;[112]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.[113]

60/537. Programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[114] approved the programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-first session as set out below:

Item 1. Social development:

(*a*) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

(*b*) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

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[106] A/60/324.

[107] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/60/36).

[108] A/60/343.

[109] A/60/509/Add.4.

[110] A/60/509/Add.5.

[111] A/60/510 and Corr.1, para. 22.

[112] A/60/157.

[113] A/60/172.

[114] A/60/512, para. 6.

(*c*) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

(*d*) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 3. International drug control

Item 4. Advancement of women:

(*a*) Advancement of women

(*b*) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

Item 5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

(*a*) Promotion and protection of the rights of children

(*b*) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

Item 7. Indigenous issues:

(*a*) Indigenous issues

(*b*) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 8. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

(*a*) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(*b*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 9. Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 10. Promotion and protection of human rights:

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

60/538. Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Third Committee

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[114] decided that:

(*a*) In order to rationalize further its methods of work for subsequent sessions of the General Assembly, the Third Committee should endeavour to elect its Rapporteur on the basis of his/her experience and personal competence and on the basis of a rotation among the regional groups as follows: African States, Asian States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States;

(*b*) The Third Committee should endeavour to elect a candidate nominated by the Group of Western European and Other States to serve as its Rapporteur at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly.

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

60/539. Provision of conference services

At its 65th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2005, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 81 to 33, with no abstentions,[115] and on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[116] decided to provide full conference services to the informal consultations of the Fifth Committee beyond 6 p.m. and on weekends until the end of the main part of its sixtieth session and to report on any expenditure in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005.

60/550. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[117] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships.[118]

60/551. Questions deferred for future consideration

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[119]

Section A

Decided to defer until its resumed sixtieth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 122: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on measures to strengthen accountability at the United Nations[120]

Report of the Secretary-General on the contribution made by the Department of Management to the improvement of management practices, and time-bound plan for the reduction of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in the United Nations administrative processes and procedures[121]

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[115] *In favour*: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: None.

[116] A/60/593/Add.1, para. 10.

[117] A/60/593, para. 8.

[118] A/60/327.

[119] A/60/609, para. 9.

[120] A/60/312.

[121] A/60/342.

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the contribution made by the Department of Management to the improvement of management practices and time-bound plan for the reduction of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in the United Nations administrative processes and procedures[122]

Item 124: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007

Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations[123]

Report of the Secretary-General on the coverage of staff by the malicious acts insurance policy and on security spending by organizations of the United Nations system[124]

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the utilization and management of funds approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 58/295 and 59/276 for strengthening the security and safety of United Nations premises, and note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon[125]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations and coverage of staff by the malicious acts insurance policy and on security spending by organizations of the United Nations system[126]

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the global audit of field security management[127]

Capital master plan

Third annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan[128]

Report of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2004: Capital master plan[129]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the capital master plan[130]

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the capital master plan for the period from August 2004 to July 2005[131]

Second annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan[132]

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[122] A/60/418.

[123] A/60/424.

[124] A/60/317 and Corr.1.

[125] A/60/291 and Add.1.

[126] A/60/7/Add.9. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[127] A/59/702.

[128] A/60/550 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

[129] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/60/5 (Vol. V)).

[130] A/60/7/Add.12. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[131] A/60/288.

[132] A/59/441 and Add.1 and 2.

Report of the Secretary-General on plans for three additional conference rooms and viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms[133]

Report of the Secretary-General on viable options for ensuring sufficient parking space at United Nations Headquarters[134]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan[135]

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation with the City and State of New York related to the capital master plan[136]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the biennium ended 31 December 2003[137]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the United Nations capital master plan for the period from August 2003 through July 2004[138]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the capital master plan[139]

After-service health insurance

Report of the Secretary-General on liabilities and proposed funding for after-service health benefits[140]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on liabilities and proposed funding for after-service health benefits[141]

Conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system[142]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system[143]

Item 125: Programme planning

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-fifth session[144]

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[133] A/58/556.

[134] A/58/712.

[135] A/58/729.

[136] A/58/779.

[137] A/59/161.

[138] A/59/420.

[139] A/59/556 and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Fifth Committee*, 54th meeting (A/C.5/59/SR.54), and corrigendum.

[140] A/60/450 and Corr. 1.

[141] A/60/7/Add.11. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[142] A/60/78.

[143] A/60/78/Add.1.

[144] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 16* and corrigendum (A/60/16 and Corr.1).

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on proposals on the strengthening and monitoring of programme performance and evaluation[145]

Letter dated 20 October 2005 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee[146]

Report of the Secretary-General on defining the administrative functions of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs[147]

Item 127: Pattern of conferences

Report of the Committee on Conferences for 2005[148]

Report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences[149]

Report of the Secretary-General on reform of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management[150]

Letter dated 12 October 2005 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee[151]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on reform of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management[152]

Item 128: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Report of the Committee on Contributions[153]

Report of the Secretary-General on unpaid assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia[154]

Letter dated 27 December 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly[155]

Note by the Secretary-General on outstanding assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia[156]

Item 130: Joint Inspection Unit

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2004 and programme of work for 2005[157]

Item 131: United Nations common system

Report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2005[158]

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[145] A/60/73.

[146] A/C.5/60/11.

[147] A/59/562.

[148] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/60/32).

[149] A/60/93 and Corr.1.

[150] A/60/112.

[151] A/C.5/60/9.

[152] A/60/433.

[153] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/60/11).

[154] A/60/140 and Corr. 1.

[155] A/56/767.

[156] A/58/189.

[157] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/60/34).

[158] Ibid., *Supplement No. 30* and corrigendum (A/60/30 and Corr.1).

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General on administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2005[159]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2005[160]

Report of the Secretary-General on contractual arrangements[161]

Note by the Secretary-General on the Senior Management network[162]

Report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2004[163]

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Panel on the Strengthening of the International Civil Service[164]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Panel on the Strengthening of the International Civil Service[165]

Item 132: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005[166]

Item 136: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2005[167]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions[168]

Section B

Decided to defer until its sixty-first session consideration of the following documents:

Item 129: Human resources management

Report of the Secretary-General on composition of the Secretariat[169]

Reports of the Secretary-General on the list of staff of the United Nations Secretariat[170]

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[159] A/60/427 and Corr.1.

[160] A/60/7/Add.3. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[161] A/59/263/Add.1.

[162] A/60/209.

[163] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/59/30 (Vol. II)).

[164] A/59/153.

[165] A/59/399.

[166] A/60/346 and Corr.1.

[167] A/60/437.

[168] A/60/551.

[169] A/60/310.

[170] A/C.5/59/L.34 and A/C.5/60/L.2.

Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities[171]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities[172]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the availability in local labour markets of the skills for which international recruitment for the General Service category takes place[173]

Report of the Secretary-General on a study on the availability of skills in local labour markets for which international recruitment for the General Service category takes place[174]

Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive assessment of the system of geographical distribution and assessment of the issues relating to possible changes in the number of posts subject to the system of geographical distribution[175]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of the Headquarters agreements concluded by the organizations of the United Nations system: human resources issues affecting staff"[176]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of the Headquarters agreements concluded by the organizations of the United Nations system: human resources issues affecting staff".[177]

7. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee*

60/513. Provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[178] noted that the Sixth Committee had decided to adopt the following provisional programme of work for the sixty-first session of the Assembly as proposed by the Bureau:

Provisional programme of work

10 October	Organization of work of the Sixth Committee
	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-ninth session
11 and 12 October	Measures to eliminate international terrorism
16 October	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

[171] A/59/716.
[172] A/59/786.
[173] A/59/388.
[174] A/60/262.
[175] A/59/724.
[176] A/59/526.
[177] A/59/526/Add.1.
[178] A/60/523, para. 5.

18 October	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts
23 October–3 November	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session
9 November	Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
	Adoption of the provisional programme of work for the sixty-second session (resolution 58/316, annex, para. 3 (*b*))
13 and 17 October, 6–8 November	Reserved.

Annex

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